



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE04-067  
Prompted By: Consumer Complaint, EWR Data  
Date Opened: 09/24/2004  
Principal Investigator: Scott Yon  
Subject: Throttle cable failure

Manufacturer: Kia Motors America, Inc.  
Products: MY 2002 - 2004 Kia Sedona  
Population: 157,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: the throttle sticks or binds due to a throttle cable condition possibly caused by water ingress into the cable housing.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

\*Description Of Other:

Action: A preliminary evaluation has been opened.

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Summary: The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received one Vehicle Owner Questionnaire (VOQ) alleging that the throttle pedal jammed and resulted in unwanted engine speed while the vehicle was being driven. The VOQ, ODI number 10008388, involves a model year (MY) 2002 Kia Sedona and identifies the incident date and location. Historical weather services show that freezing temperatures existed at this date and location.

In addition, Kia has submitted data under early warning reporting requirements that identify incidents similar to that identified in the VOQ.

ODI has opened this preliminary evaluation to establish the scope and frequency of throttle binding incidents as well as any safety implications or consequences.

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